

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An apparatus comprising:

an open box structure having a top, a first side, a second side, a third side, and a fourth side, an inner chamber bound by the top, first, second, third, and fourth sides, and an opening leading to the inner chamber;

a first strap having a first end attached to the first side of the open box structure and a second end; and

wherein the first strap is of sufficient length so that the second end of the first strap can be pulled across the opening of the open box structure and attached to the second side of the open box structure, when the open box structure is fully extended, wherein the second side is opposite the first side.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first strap has a first opening near the second end of the first strap; and

the second side of the open box structure has a second opening; and

wherein a first attachment device can be inserted into the first opening of the first strap and into the second opening of the second side in order to attach the first strap to the second side of the open box structure.

3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the first attachment device includes a loop of a lock.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising

a second strap having a first end attached to the first side of the open box structure and a second end; and

wherein the second strap is of sufficient length so that the second end of the second strap can be pulled across the opening of the open box structure and attached to the second side of the open box structure when the open box structure is fully extended.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein

the first strap has a first opening near the second end of the first strap; and

the second side of the open box structure has a second opening;

wherein a first attachment device can be inserted into the first opening of the first strap and into the second opening of the second side in order to attach the first strap to the second side of the open box structure; and

wherein the second strap has a third opening near the second end of the second strap; and

the second side of the open box structure has a fourth opening; and

wherein a second attachment device can be inserted into the third opening of the second strap and into the fourth opening of the second side in order to attach the second strap to the second side of the open box structure.

6. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the first strap has a third opening spaced apart from the first opening near the second end of the first strap; and

wherein the first attachment device can be inserted into the third opening of the first strap

and into the second opening of the second side in order to attach the first strap to the second side of the open box structure.

7. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein

the first strap has a fifth opening spaced apart from the first opening near the second end of the first strap;

the second strap has a sixth opening spaced apart from the third opening near the second end of the second strap;

wherein the first attachment device can be inserted into the fifth opening of the first strap and into the second opening of the second side in order to attach the first strap to the second side of the open box structure; and

wherein the second attachment device can be inserted into the sixth opening of the second strap and into the fourth opening of the second side in order to attach the second strap to the second side of the open box structure.

8. A method comprising the steps of :

placing an open box structure over freight, which sits on a pallet;

wherein the open box structure has a first side;

and wherein a first end of a first strap is attached to the first side; and

further comprising attaching a second end of the first strap to a second side of the open box structure, wherein the second side of the open box structure is opposite the first side.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein

a first end of the second strap is attached to the first side of the open box structure; and

further comprising attaching a second end of the second strap to the second side of the open box structure.

10. The method of claim 8 further comprising

locking the second end of the first strap to the second side of the open box structure.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising

locking the second end of the first strap to the second side of the open box structure; and

locking the second end of the second strap to the second side of the open box structure.